

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : )  
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Application No.: Not Yet Assigned ) Group Art Unit: N.Y.A.  
Filed: Herewith )  
For: REPRODUCTION APPARATUS )  
AND REPRODUCTION METHOD : September 18, 2001

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 4, and add new Claims 23-25, to read as follows. A marked-up version of those claims, showing the changes made thereto, is appended.

4. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said control means further changes the content of said program information according to the moving image data recorded on said recording medium after the erasing process of said moving image data.

23. (New) An apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said control means further changes the content of said program information according to the moving

image data recorded on said recording medium after the erasing process of said moving image data.

24. (New) An apparatus according to claim 23, further comprising recording means for recording data on said recording medium, wherein said control means controls said recording means so as to record the program information whose content is changed, on said recording medium.

25. (New) An apparatus according to claim 23, wherein said control means further changes the content of said program information according to the recording period of the moving image data recorded on said recording medium.

REMARKS

By the present Preliminary Amendment, Claim 4 has been amended, and Claims 23-25 have been added. Claims 1-25 are pending. Claims 1, 19, 20 and 22 are independent claims.

Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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**VERSION OF CLAIMS MARKED TO SHOW CHANGES**

4. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim 2 [or 3], wherein said [control] control means further changes the content of said program information according to the moving image data recorded on said recording medium after the erasing process of said moving image data.

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